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1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE END OF A
CALL BY GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS DEC 22, TO POINT OUT
THAT THE SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED DEGREE OF "UNHAPPINESS"
TO HEAR THAT GREEK PRESS HAD INDICATED THAT COMPROMISE
LANGUAGE ON THE TURKISH AND GREEK DCA'S IN THE RECENT NAC
COMMUNIQUE RESULTED FROM A "TOUGH" MESSAGE FROM GREEK
GOVERNMENT TO SECRETARY AND NATO SEC GEN LUNS. NIMETZ TOLD
ALEXANDRAKIS THAT THE SECRETARY WANTED THE GREEK GOVERN-
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MENT TO KNOW THAT WHAT HE HAD DONE REGARDING THE DRAFT
COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING HIS DEC 8 CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS REFLECTED A US DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL
IN OVERCOMING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ALLIES RATHER THAN IN
RESPONSE TO PRESSURE EXERTED BY ONE OF THE PARTIES.

2. ALEXANDRAKIS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GREEK PRESS HAD

ERRONEOUSLY MADE TOO MUCH OF THE MATTER, BUT ATTRIBUTED
THAT TO THE IRRESPONSIBILITY OF THE GREEK PRESS. AMBASSADOR

SAID THAT IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES HE HAD RESPONDED THAT
NO SUCH MESSAGE HAD BEEN SENT. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID HE
WOULD INFORM ATHENS OF NIMETZ' REMARKS CONCERNING
SECRETARY'S CONCERNS. VANCE

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